

## Claims.

1. A method of processing a message in a mobile telecommunications device, the method comprising:
  - 5 receiving a Cell Update Confirm (CUC) message;
  - determining whether the device has an empty cell identifier variable;
  - when the device has an empty cell identifier variable, determining whether the CUC message includes a new value for the cell identifier;
  - when the CUC message includes a new value for the cell identifier and the CUC  
10 message would cause the device to enter a state which requires the UE to respond to the message before entering the state, carrying out at least one further step prior to entering the state.
2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the further step comprises:
  - 15 setting the INVALID\_CONFIGURATION to TRUE.
3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the further step further comprises:
  - sending a cell update message to the network.
4. A method according to claim 2 wherein the further step further comprises:
  - 20 returning to an idle state.
5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the further step comprises:
  - sending a new cell update message including a field that indicates that the cause  
25 for the cell update message is cell reselection.
6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the further step comprises:
  - acting on the cell update confirm message without transmitting a response to the network.

7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the further step comprises:  
ignoring the cell update confirm message.
- 5 8. A method according to any preceding claim wherein the cell identifier variable is C\_RNTI and the value of the cell identifier is C-RNTI.
9. Apparatus for processing a message in a mobile telecommunications system, the apparatus being arranged to:
- 10 receive a Cell Update Confirm (CUC) message from a network;  
determine whether the device has an empty C\_RNTI variable;  
when the device has an empty C\_RNTI variable, determine whether the CUC message includes a new C-RNTI ;  
when the CUC message includes a new C\_RNTI and the CUC message would  
15 cause the device to enter a state which requires the UE to respond to the message before entering the state, carrying out at least one further step prior to entering the state.
10. Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
set the INVALID\_CONFIGURATION to TRUE.
- 20 11. Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
send a cell update message to the network.
12. Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
25 return to an idle state.
13. Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
send a new cell update message including a field that indicates that the cause for the cell update message is cell reselection.

14. Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
act on the cell update confirm message without transmitting a response to the  
network.

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15. Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the apparatus is further arranged to:  
ignore the cell update confirm message.

16. A mobile telecommunication device incorporating apparatus according to any of  
10 claims 9 to 15.